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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Yoshinori NAKAYAMA

Application No.: To Be Assigned

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Title: SCHEDULE RETRIEVAL METHOD FOR CONTROLLING  
SCHEDULES AND SCHEDULE SERVER APPARATUS WITH  
MULTISTAGEOUS IDLE-TIME RETRIEVAL MEANS

Art Unit: 2764

Examiner: N. Nguyen

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 23, 1999

Sir:

Supplemental to the Rule 53(b) Continuation Application filed on even date, entry of  
the following claims 15-20 and remarks prior to examination is respectfully requested.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, following the title please insert: This application is a Continuation of

Application Number 08/931,655 filed September 16, 1997, which is incorporated herein by  
reference.